



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER
MAIL STOP 141
HAMPTON, VA 23681-2199

COPY MAILED

AUG 25 2006

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Wilkie, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/653,824 :
Filed: September 3, 2003 :
Docket No.: LAR 15816-2 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed January 31, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

This application became abandoned October 23, 2005 for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 22, 2005. The non-final Office action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 were timely requested. This decision precedes Notice of Abandonment.

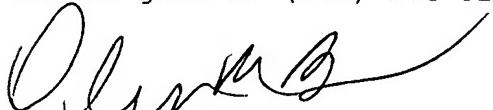
A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Accordingly, since the extension of time fee submitted herewith was subsequent to the maximum period obtainable for reply, this fee is unnecessary. Petitioners may request a refund of this fee by writing to the Office of Finance, Refund Section. A copy of this decision should accompany petitioner's request.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.



Alesia M. Brown
Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions